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## OCTOBER PRICES RECEIVED MIXED

**SIOUX FALLS, October 31, 2006** -- Preliminary October prices were up from September for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, spring wheat, sunflower, oats, and alfalfa hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for barrows and gilts, cows, and calves were down, while steers and heifers were up.

For October, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.64, was up 37 cents from last month and up \$1.19 from last October. The spring wheat price, at \$4.57, was 42 cents higher than last month and 65 cents higher than last year. The October soybean price, at \$5.16, was 21 cents higher than last month but 29 cents lower than last year. The corn price, at \$2.61, was up 56 cents from last month and up \$1.01 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$12.20, was up 80 cents from last month and up \$1.10 from last year.

The preliminary October barrow and gilt price, at \$49.70, was down \$1.50 from last month but up 90 cents from last year, while sows, at \$37.90, were up \$2.00 from September but down \$3.00 from October 2005.

The preliminary October steer and heifer price, at \$113.00, was up \$7.00 from September but down \$5.00 from October of last year. Calves, at \$137.00, were down \$2.00 from last month and down \$4.00 from October 2005.

The October alfalfa price, at \$81.00 per ton, was up \$2.00 from last month and up \$18.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$64.00, was up \$4.00 from last month and up \$14.00 from October 2005.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

Commodity	Unit	October 2005 <sup>1</sup>	September 2006 <sup>1</sup>	October 2006 <sup>2</sup>
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Corn	Bu.	1.60	2.05	2.61
Soybeans	Bu.	5.45	4.95	5.16
Sunflower	Cwt.	11.10	11.40	12.20
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.72	4.22	4.61
Winter	Bu.	3.45	4.27	4.64
Other Spring	Bu.	3.92	4.15	4.57
Barley, All	Bu.	2.00	NA	NA
Feed	Bu.	NA	NA	NA
Malt	Bu.	2.00	NA	NA
Oats	Bu.	1.62	1.80	1.99
Hay, All	Ton	59.00	74.00	76.00
Alfalfa	Ton	63.00	79.00	81.00
Other	Ton	50.00	60.00	64.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	110.00	99.10	106.00
Cows	Cwt.	49.60	48.90	48.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	118.00	106.00	113.00
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	141.00	139.00	137.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	47.90	49.40	48.30
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	48.80	51.20	49.70
Sows	Cwt.	40.90	35.90	37.90
Lambs	Cwt.	132.00	116.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	44.70	30.10	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Over 500 lbs. <sup>4</sup> Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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